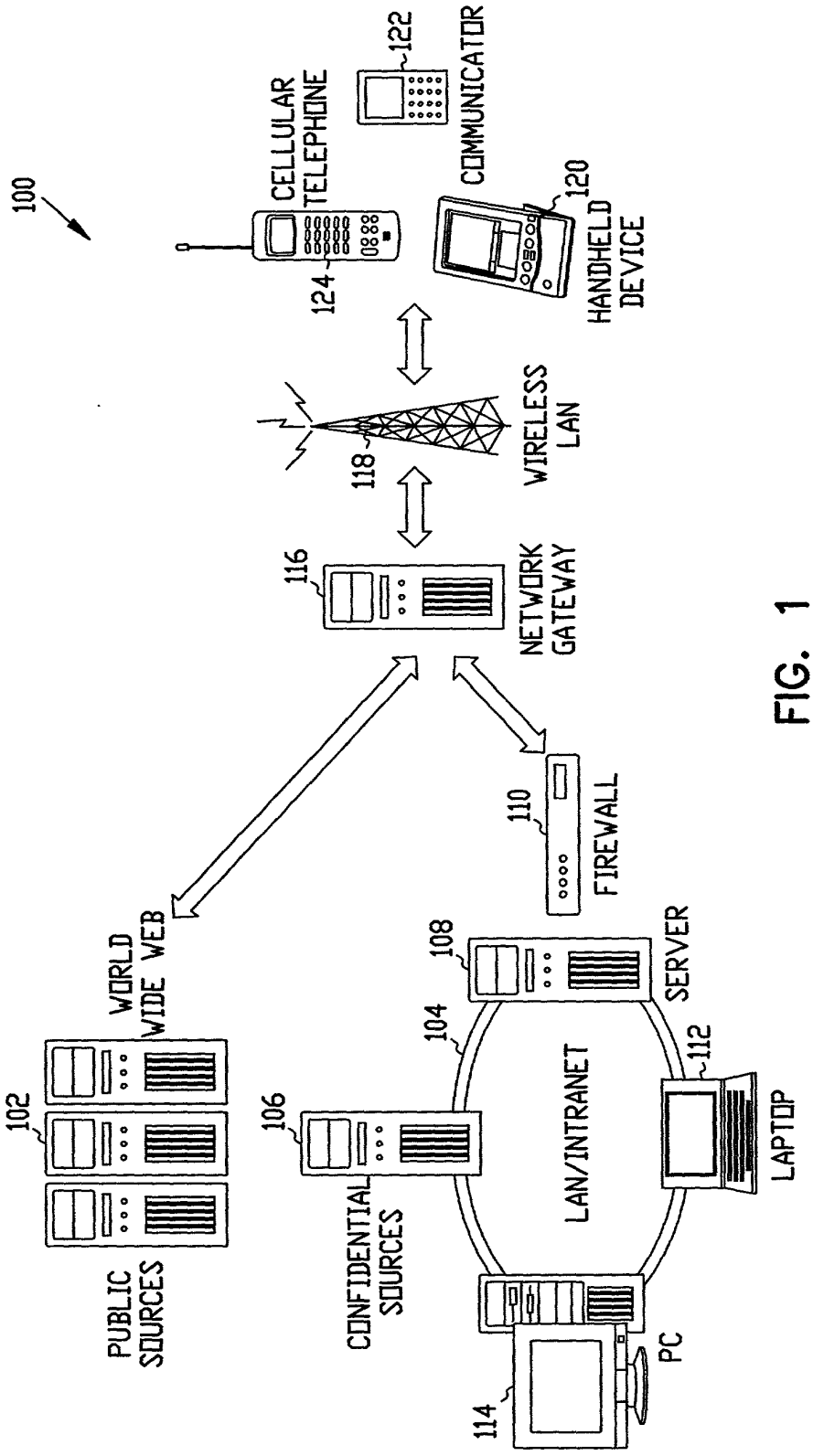
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124
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COMMUNICATOR
120
HANDHELD DEVICE
WIRELESS LAN
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NETWORK GATEWAY
116
FIREWALL
110
WORLD WIDE WEB
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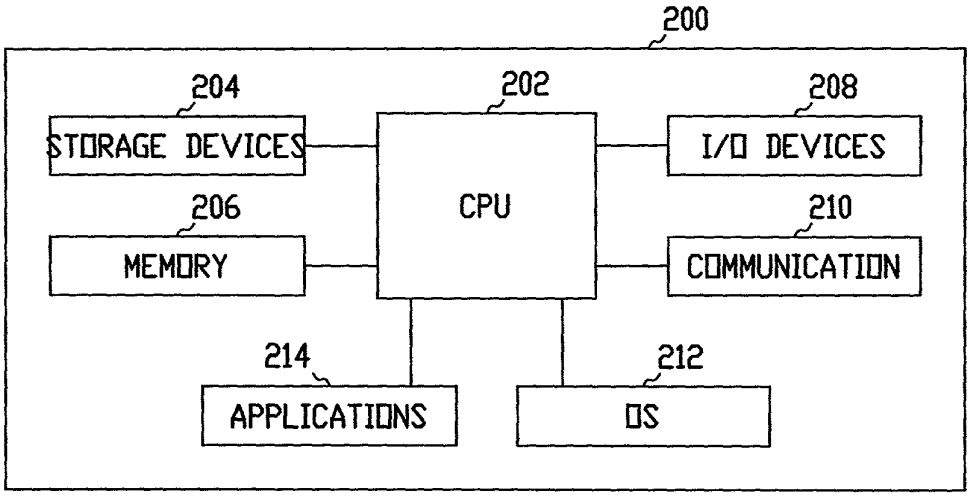
PUBLIC SOURCES
106
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES
104
LAN/INTRANET
108
SERVER
112
LAPTOP
PC
114

FIG. 1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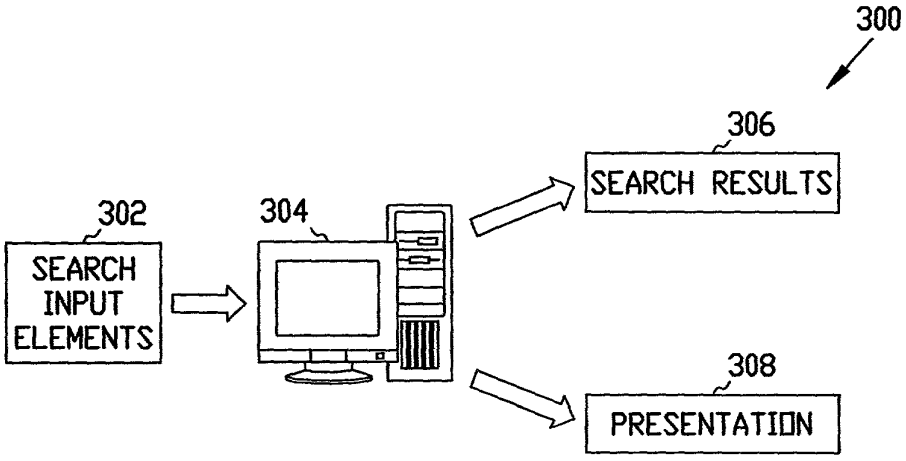
204
STORAGE DEVICES
202
CPU
208
I/O DEVICES
206
MEMORY
210
COMMUNICATION
214
APPLICATIONS
212
OS

FIG. 2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306
SEARCH RESULTS
302
SEARCH INPUT ELEMENTS
304
308
PRESENTATION

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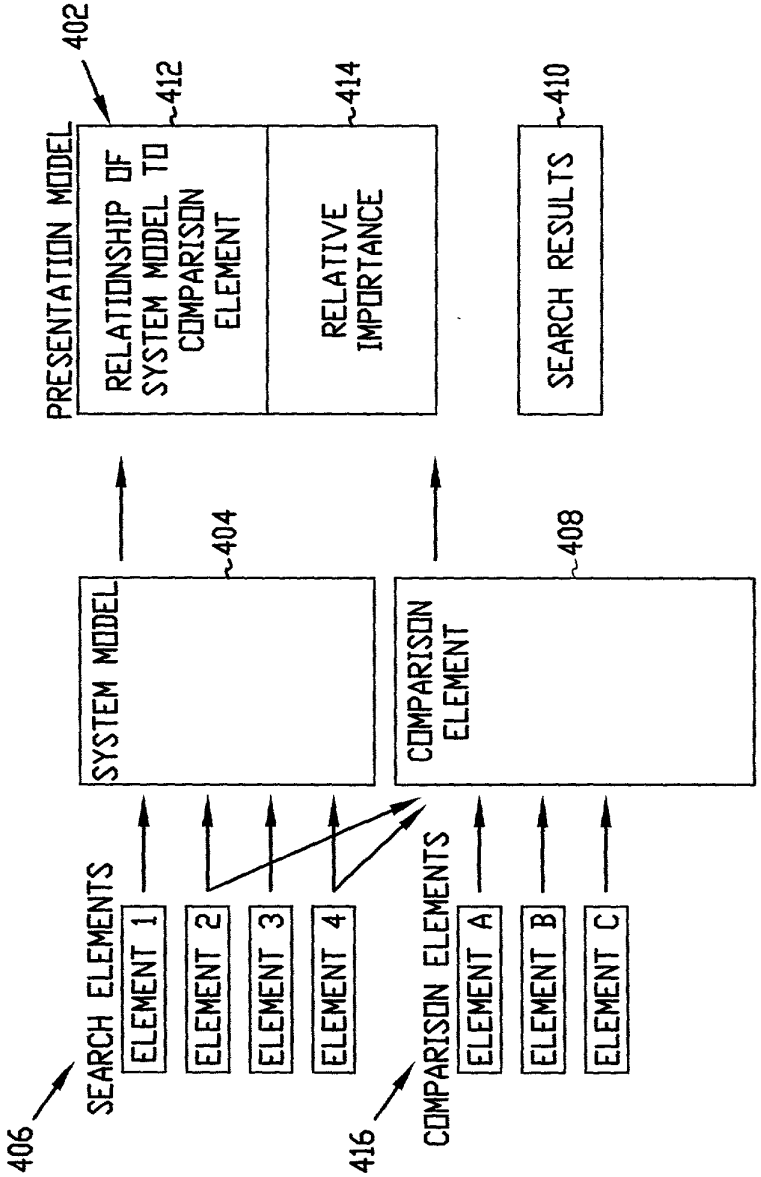
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PRESENTATION MODEL
412
RELATIONSHIP OF SYSTEM MODEL TO COMPARISON ELEMENT
414
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE
410
SEARCH RESULTS
404
SYSTEM MODEL
408
COMPARISON ELEMENT
406
SEARCH ELEMENTS
ELEMENT 1
ELEMENT 2
ELEMENT 3
ELEMENT 4
416
COMPARISON ELEMENTS
ELEMENT A
ELEMENT B
ELEMENT C

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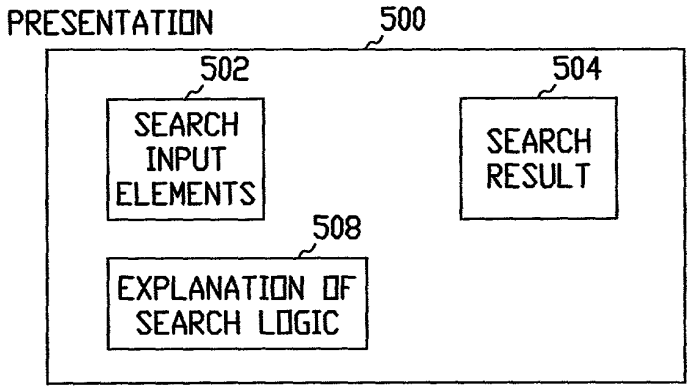
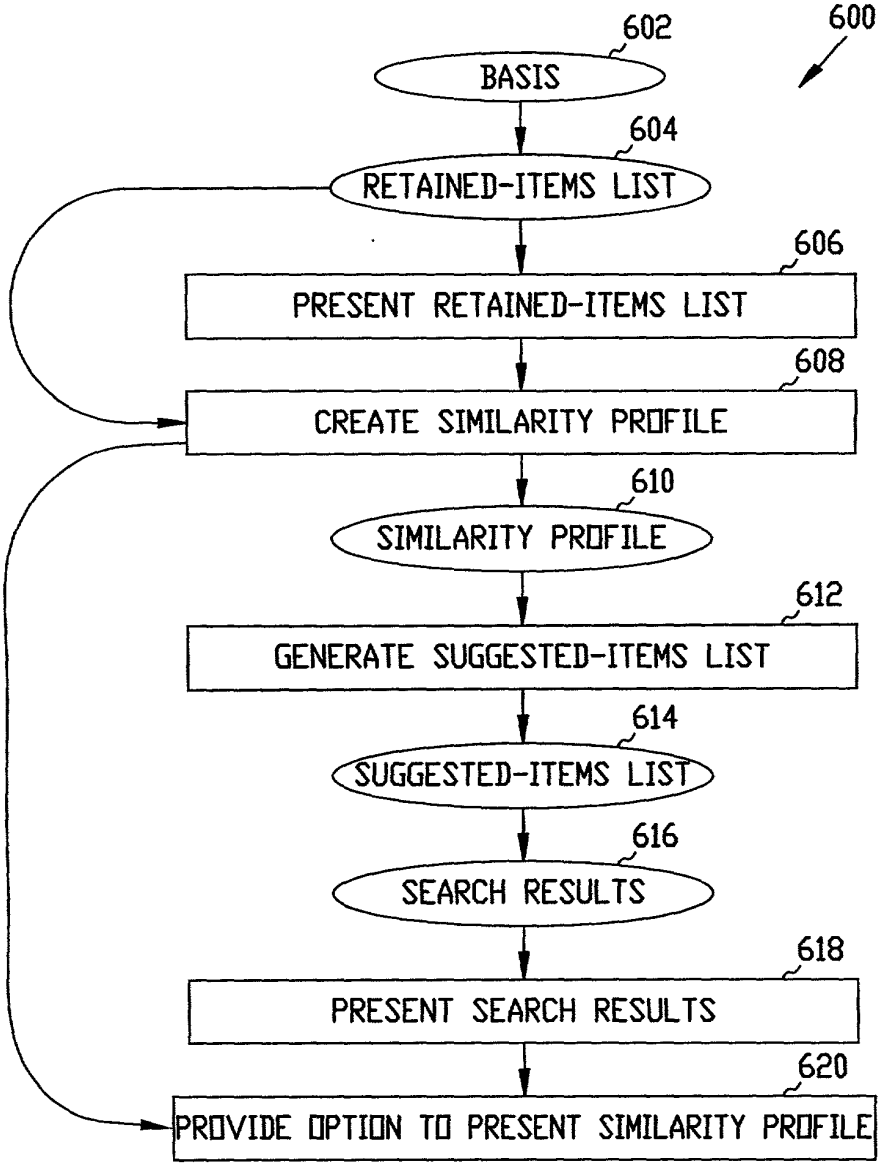

PRESENTATION
500
502
SEARCH INPUT ELEMENTS
504
SEARCH RESULT
508
EXPLANATION OF SEARCH LOGIC

FIG. 5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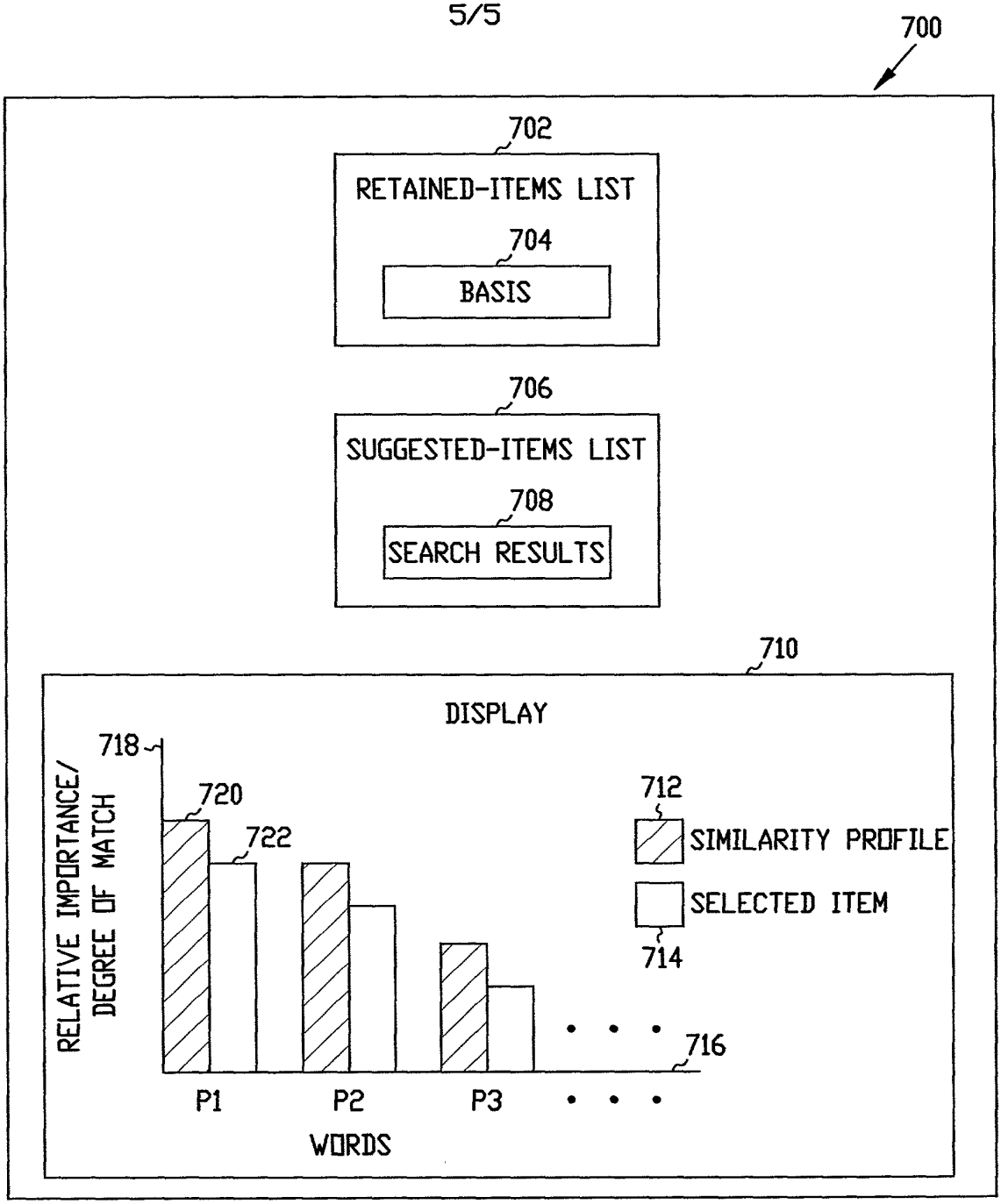
BASIS
604
RETAINED-ITEMS LIST
606
PRESENT RETAINED-ITEMS LIST
608
CREATE SIMILARITY PROFILE
610
SIMILARITY PROFILE
612
GENERATE SUGGESTED-ITEMS LIST
614
SUGGESTED-ITEMS LIST
616
SEARCH RESULTS
618
PRESENT SEARCH RESULTS
620
PROVIDE OPTION TO PRESENT SIMILARITY PROFILE

FIG. 6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702
RETAINED-ITEMS LIST
704
BASIS
706
SUGGESTED-ITEMS LIST
708
SEARCH RESULTS
710
DISPLAY
718
RELATIVE IMPORTANCE/
DEGREE OF MATCH
720
722
712
SIMILARITY PROFILE
SELECTED ITEM
714
716
P1
P2
P3
WORDS

FIG. 7